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Term 4—Week 6

**15 November 2019** 

Working Together, Aspiring Higher, Connecting with our Community & Doing the Right Thing

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Mr James Whitla

I acknowledge the traditional owners of the lands on which we meet and pay my respects to elders past, present and emerging.

We are now more than half way through the term! Next week we have our annual School Fun Run and in the remaining few weeks we will have Nippers Life Saving Programs, Graduation, Waves Pool Fun Day, Transition and Class Parties- it sure is a frantic (and exciting) time of the year. ©

School Leadership - Our School Leadership team is expanding in 2020. In an effort to make maximum use of our new STEM facility, Ms Ash McCarthy and Mr. Ryan Murphy will join Mr Scott Chalwell and Miss Jacqui Miller in running Science and Robotics sessions each week throughout the year. These teachers will spend a small number of hours out of the classroom sharing their skills and passions with our students and teachers as we build a robust program in the new space that encourages creativity, problem solving and collaborative learning.

Mrs Kerri Harridge also joins the team and will help lead Wellbeing throughout our school, along with Mr Luke McMaster (Assistant Principal). Ms Bec Laver (Literacy) and Jess McGeachin (Numeracy) remain on our team along with Jaime Rohan who will be a Learning Specialist/Coach of Teaching and Learning throughout the school.

It is very exciting working with such a committed and talented group who are all determined to keep making our school great.

AIP 2020 - Last week our SIT continued to progress our 2020 AIP to the point where we are almost ready to share our goals, targets and strategies with our system leaders so that our plan can be 'signed off' and implemented with fidelity. The key focus areas won't change too much (literacy, numeracy, student agency) and we will modify and add a few structures and activities to help us achieve these.

Next year we will focus on the Department of Education's High Impact Teaching Strategies (HITS):

- <u>Differentiated Teaching</u> methods teachers use to extend the knowledge and skills of every student in every class, regardless of their starting point.
- <u>Multiple Exposures</u> provide students with multiple opportunities to encounter, engage with, and elaborate on new knowledge and skills.
- <u>Collaborative Learning</u> occurs when students work in small groups and everyone participates in a learning task.

In 2021 we will be in the last year of our School Strategic Plan and everything we put in place is designed to help us achieve our long term goals.

**Staffing 2020** - Over the last couple of weeks we have been interviewing possible new additions to our staffing roster. Once this process has been completed we will have settled on our class structures and staff placements for 2020. We have a couple of spots to be filled and at the end of next week will have all the pieces of our staffing puzzle put together.

**Tree Audit** - A recent tree audit identified a number of potentially dangerous trees on our site. Next Friday a team from McLeod Trees will be in to remove/trim the trees identified in the audit.

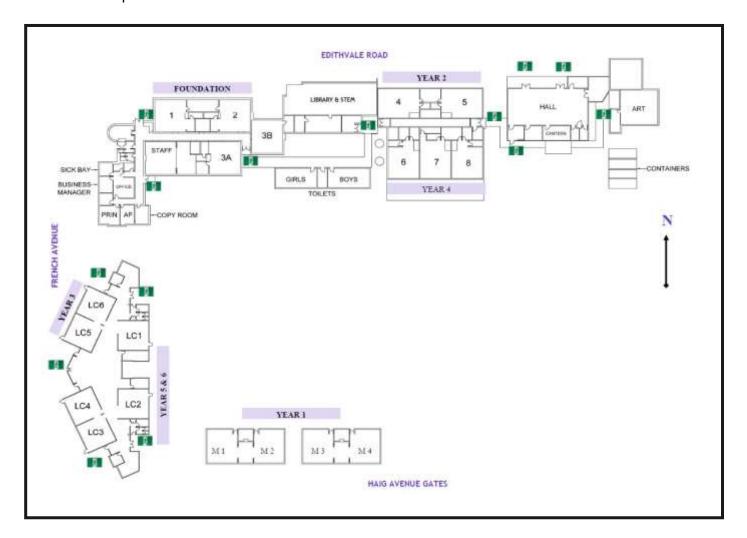


Transition Dates - A reminder that transition dates for 2020 are fast approaching (10-12 December) from 9:15am to 10:45am each day. This helps our students to get to know their new teacher and classmates as well as get a sense of the learning environment that they will be engaging with in the following year. Please see the map below for the proposed classroom spaces for next year.

**Building Update**- The demolition aspect of our site is almost complete and now we will start to see more construction happening.

This weekend there will be a further pouring of concrete, and in the next few weeks we will see some landscaping in the Foundation area along with some irrigation and creation of new learning spaces.

The **last day** of the school year for our students will be **Thursday 19 December** and dismissal will follow immediately after our final assembly that is scheduled to commence at 1.00pm. Staff will finish up on the following day after some professional development on Professional Learning Communities - run by one of our Department of Education facilitators.



# SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT Mr Steve Smith

The EPS Christmas Market is this Sunday from 9:00am until 2:00pm. We have candles, pottery and ceramics, lunch boxes and containers, clothes, toys, fidgets, and more. We will have heaps of food stalls too! Our school BBQ will be there as well as Twisted Potato, Mr Whippy, coffee, smoothies and baked sweets. With only 6 weeks left before Christmas, EPS has your Christmas Shopping covered.

A few of the stalls that will be here on Sunday are listed below:

**Food stalls** - School BBQ, Twisted Potato, EdiGrocer, Sam's Coffee Car, Naval's Dutch Pancakes & Shakshuka, Wonder Whippy, All Natural All Pure Gelati, Caffeine Boost, La Petite Conserve...and many more



Shopping Stalls - Creek & Bay, Wheelers Woodcraft, Carla Designs, Furplay, Sylvia's Home Embroidery, Erika's Beanie Kid Haven, Sprinkles of Sand, Fancy Baby, Mini Hippo, Two Little Girls-Too many Clothes, Daydream Pottery, Fabrickate, Love & Lowe, Bomalicious Bath & Body, Nannystouch, The Bag Ladies, Taureau Candles, Jumping Creek Designs, Bessies, Beast Kid, Arbonne, Nutrimetics, Kaiko Fidgets, Loolapaloola, SeneGense, Star Scrunchies, Baahth Body, Tupperware, Shirrik Accessories, Big Sister Little Sister/Crafts by Kylee....and more!

Activity Stalls- Robs Amusement - Jumping Castle, Face Painting, Art Box Art School, Mobile Animal farm...and more!

For more information on the Christmas Market, you can visit our school website or the Christmas Market Facebook page:

http://www.edithvaleps.vic.edu.au/ChristmasMarket https://www.facebook.com/epsmarket



Extra volunteers are needed for our school-run BBQ and as greeters at the entrances to the Christmas Market. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to help out on Sunday. If you interested in helping out on the day, please sign up using the online link below:

https://volunteersignup.org/M98YH

We have some exciting prizes for our Christmas Market Raffle; including a secret prize announced at assembly. Tickets are on sale now for \$2 and will be available for purchase at the Christmas Market on Sunday. More information is available on the school website:

http://www.edithvaleps.vic.edu.au/ChristmasMarket/raffle



#### Prizes

1st - Photo print from John Isaakidis

2nd - Round of golf & cordless drill

3rd - Funfields pass & chocolate house

4th - Adventure Park pass & fabric

Christmas bunting

#### Instructions

- · Please include a name and phone number on the ticket
- · Return to the school office by 15th November

The annual School Fun-Run is on next Thursday 21 November! The School Fun-Run promotes healthy and active lifestyles while helping us raise funds! It's all about participation, with students treated to a great day as a reward for their fundraising efforts. The money raised from this event will be used towards shade sail and playground upgrades.

http://www.edithvaleps.vic.edu.au/FunRun

Our next School Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 10 December.













Term 4:	Important Dates
November 17	Community Christmas Market
November 20	Foundation 2020 Transition
November 21	Fun Run
November 26	Sushi Day
November 27	Year 4 Bike Ed
November 28	Year 3-6 Nippers Life Saving
December 6	Year 3-6 Nippers Life Saving
December 10-12	Whole School Transition
December 17	Class Parties
December 18	Yr 6 Big Day Out & Graduation
December 18	Foundation—Yr3 Fun Day @
	Waves
December 19	Last Day Term 4



#### **REMINDER:**

Hats are compulsory in Term 4 DON'T FORGET YOUR HAT!

#### **REMINDER:**



# LAST SUSHI DAY FOR THE YEAR!! Tuesday 26 November

Orders due by Thursday 21 November. Pay by QKR or see Diane in the canteen.

NO other lunch orders on this day



Our Fun Run is on next Thursday 21 November!

So far, we have raised \$7,700 which is a wonderful effort by our community. Please send any monies collected to the office as soon as possible.

Remember that students can wear their house colours and crazy hair.

Family members are more than welcome to attend.

### MESSAGE FROM THE FIRST AID ROOM



There have been some recent cases of a stomach bug at school.

Just a reminder to parents, if your child presents with a fever, nausea, diarrhoea or vomiting, please keep them home from school.

Exclusion period is 24 hours vomit & diarrhoea free.

Thank you,

Mrs Stacey Smith

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Book Club Issue 8 is out now and will be closing on Monday 2 December. Online LOOP Orders will be open until 6pm on Monday and cash orders can be sent to the office by Monday 2 Dec morning please.

Remember to let the office know if your order is a gift and it can be held at the office for your collection.

Thank you to everyone who has ordered books this year. Happy Reading!

CANTEEN ROSTER									
Mon 18	Tue 19	Thu 21	Fri	Mon 25	Tues 26	Thurs 28	Fri 29		
Lisa Saint-Aubin	Sue O'Brien	Svetlana De Sousa	Jodi Vuat			Jill Donnelly	Bernadette Lydster		